

Booker T. Washington National Monument

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Annual Calendar of Events 2013

Death Comes Home

Sunday, March 24, 2013 - 2 pm

This program is a Civil War 150th commemorative event for 1863. The program focuses a look at the death of Billie Burroughs, the plantation owner's son who was killed at the Battle of Kelly's Ford, through young Booker T. Washington's eyes.

Friends of Booker T. Washington National Monument Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2013, 10:00 am

John D. Long, Director of the Salem Museum will give a talk on "'I Ain't Going Until They Catch Me': The Story of Jack, a Runaway Slave." The public is welcome to attend this talk on a runaway slave's account of surviving by his wits in the last months of the Civil War in Franklin County, Virginia.

National Parks Week

April 22-26, 2013

Come out and enjoy a special children's program on Saturday, April 20 at 11 am to celebrate Earth Day!

Mother's Day Sunday / Mother-Daughter Tea

Sunday, May 12, 2013 - 3 pm

See a tea set owned by the Burroughs family, learn about the tradition of tea taking or "supper" in Franklin Co., Hampton, Tuskegee and the details of Booker's tea with Queen Victoria; eat some Victorian Sponge Cake, a favorite of the Queen! Pre-registration for this program is required.

Memorial Day-Living History Weekend

May 25-27, 2013

10:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

History comes alive! Learn about life as it was for Booker T. Washington and other residents on a Civil War era tobacco plantation from the park staff and volunteers in mid-19th century period dress.

Civil War 150 History Mobile

Monday-Wednesday, June 3-5, 2013

Tour this travelling interactive exhibit about the 150th anniversary of the Civil War when it makes an appearance at the park. Admission is free.

Juneteenth Special Event

Saturday, June 15, 2013, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Take part in this annual celebration of freedom with gospel music, interpretive programs, children's activities, and food for sale by vendors. What is Juneteenth? On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger arrived in Texas to issue General Order 3. This order did what the Emancipation Proclamation intended to do in January 1863. All enslaved Africans were freed. Celebrations erupted in Texas! This is the celebration of Juneteenth!

Booker T. Washington National Monument is always free. However, Fee Free days in National Parks for 2013 are as follows:

January 21
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

April 22-26
Five days during
National Park Week

August 25
National Park Service
Birthday

September 28
National Public Lands Day

November 9-11
Veterans Day weekend

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July is Junior Ranger Month

Different Programs Throughout the Month of July
Join the park rangers on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:00 am for activities about Booker T. Washington and the National Park Service. The first program will begin on Wednesday, July 10. Pre-registration is required and the programs are for children ages 6-12.

Independence Day

Living History Weekend

July 4-7, 2013

10:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

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Labor Day

Living History Weekend

August 31-September 2, 2013

10:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

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Harvest Time of 1863 Special Event

Saturday, September 21, 2013

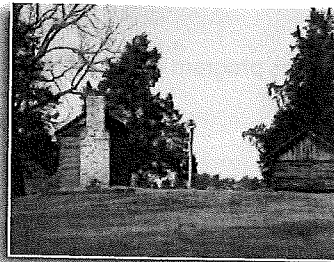
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Learn about what harvest time was like on a mid-19th century piedmont Virginia tobacco plantation. Take part in living history interpretive programs, craft demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides, music, and children's activities.

An Old Virginia Christmas Special Event "Wash Comes Home"

Saturday, December 7, 2013-TBA

Learn how Christmas was celebrated by the free and enslaved residents of the plantation where Booker T. Washington was born by taking part in candle-lit costumed interpretive programs. Light refreshments, children's activities, and entertainment will be provided.



When you visit Booker T. Washington National Monument, the park has many things to do! Ask the volunteer or ranger in the visitor center to show you the 15-minute movie that gives a brief history of Dr. Booker T. Washington's life and legacy. You can read

exhibits in the visitor center and browse through the park's bookstore. There is even a cell phone tour that you can do on your own. As you journey through the park, you can see buildings reconstructing the farm where Washington was born and lived for nine years as a slave. There are farm animals, an heirloom garden, crops, and the 1 1/2 mile Jack-O-Lantern Branch Trail that you can hike through the woods. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the park's picnic area during your visit.

Booker T. Washington National Monument is open daily from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Admission to the park is free.

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